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TAGS: ELAB, IN

SUBJ: INDIAN SEAMEN WITHDRAWN FROM IRANIAN SHIPS

REF: FREE PRESS JOURNAL AND INDIAN EXPRESS, JULY 17 AND  
JULY 18, RESPECTIVELY.

1. CONGEN REPS DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH LEO BARNES, GENERAL  
SECRETARY NATIONAL UNION OF SEAFARERS OF INDIA (NUSI). HE  
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CONFIRMED REF. PRESS REPORTS THAT 68 INDIAN SEAMEN ENGAGED

IN TWO IRANIAN-OWNED FREIGHTERS S.S. IRAN NIRU AND S.S. IRAN SHAHR, ALLEGEDLY CARRYING WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION FROM U.S. PORTS TO IRANIAN PORT OF BANDAR SHAHPUR, HAVE BEEN "WITHDRAWN" ON NUSI INSTRUCTIONS. 34 CREWMEN OF S. S. IRAN NIRU, WHICH WAS ON ITS WAY TO THE U. S. FROM BANDAR SHAHPUR, WERE DISCHARGED IN CAPE TOWN AND THEN FLOWN TO BOMBAY. THE OTHER 34 FROM S. S. IRAN SHAHR ARE EXPECTED TO BE DISCHARGED IN ITS NEXT PORT OF CALL AND THEN FLOWN TO BOMBAY WITHIN A FORTNIGHT.

2. BARNES CONTINUED NUSI ACTED ON ITS OWN IN INTEREST "OF NATIONAL CAUSE AND SAFETY INDIAN SEAMEN". NUSI DECISION BASED ON "INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND INDIAN SEAMEN REPORTS THAT U. S. MILITARY HARDWARE DESTINED IRAN LATER DIVERTED FROM BANDAR SHAHPUR TO PAKISTAN POINT NORTH KARACHI." THIS DEVELOPMENT NOW "OPEN SECRET", BARNES CONCLUDED.

3. CONGEN REPS TOOK STRONG ISSUE THIS ALLEGATION.

4. BARNES MENTIONED HE ATTENDING SIX-WEEKS HARVARD TRADE UNION SEMINAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12, UNDER AFL-CIO SPONSORSHIP. ALSO PLANS ATTEND AFL-CIO CONVENTION IN MIAMI EARLY OCTOBER.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY MAY WISH PROVIDE US WITH APPROPRIATE BACK-UP REFUTATION WHICH I MAY CONVEY BARNES PERSONALLY.  
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